

National SDG Data Reporting Mechanisms

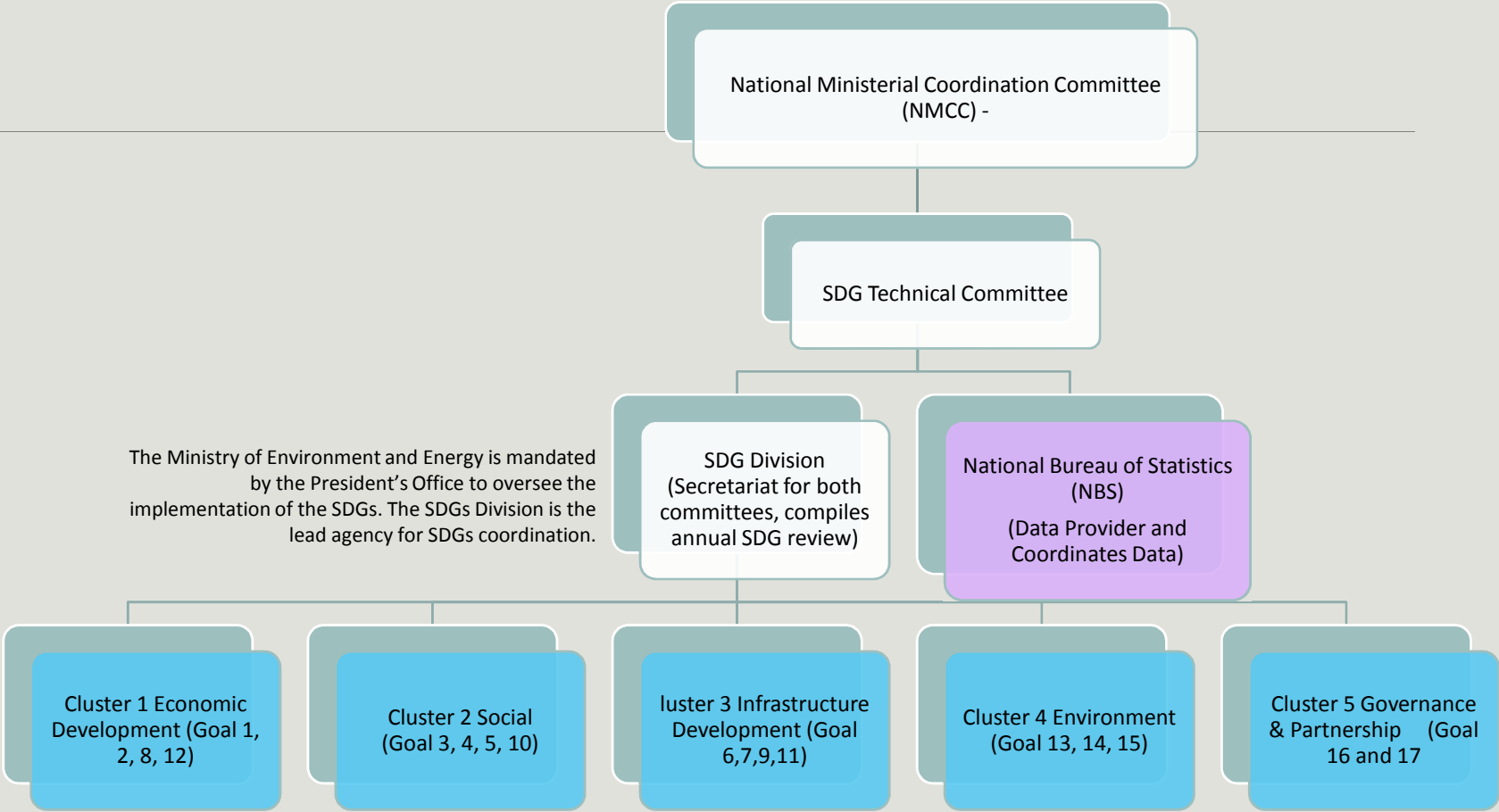
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Institutional framework



National Ministerial Coordination Committee

Roles and Objectives of the Committee

The committee have the over-arching responsibility to provide policy guidance on key decisions that are to be made during the process of the development of the SDGs.

- Facilitate the formulation and execution of SDGs in Maldives.
- To provide guidance and feedback from their respective agencies and other areas of knowledge.
- Ensure the integration of economic, environmental, governance and social actions towards the development of SDGs at country context
- Promote awareness of the SDGs within relevant government agencies and key stakeholders.
- Identify and facilitate acceleration to goals/areas that are lagging behind

Technical Committee of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

- Coordinate information sharing within their respective agencies regarding SDGs.
- Provide required data and information relating to that sector and relevant agencies for the development of the SDGs.
- Provide information on:
 - a) The key aims and objectives, focus and policy/priorities of the sector, including updates on strategic planning initiatives.
 - b) The new trends and emerging issues in the sector 4. Identify bottlenecks and challenges in achieving the SDGs (policy & planning, finance/budget, service delivery).
- Coordinate with other stakeholder agencies/institutions, civil society, development partners and private sector, to identify information/data, issues and policies for the achievement of SDGs.
- Create awareness on SDGs within the respective agency
- Ensure that SDGs are incorporated into the sectoral plans and other development plans
- Provide information and data for to monitor the SDG targets and indicators
- Identify and provide proxy indicators where necessary
- Monitor and report the progress of the targets relevant to the respective agency

NBS Role on SDG

Role of National Bureau of Statistics

1. Develop high quality and robust statistical measurement framework for SDGs
2. Provide support to custodial agencies and stakeholders on the methodologies used to measure SDG goals, targets and indicators
3. Review and assist capacity building activities in statistics needed for SDGs
4. Bridging data gaps and identify new data sources
5. Share information and data with SDGs Unit and other stakeholders regarding the data issues.
6. Provide guidance and technical support on data issues for the SDGs coordination Committee and Technical Committee.
7. Assist custodial agencies and stakeholders to identify proxy indicators where necessary
8. Create awareness on SDGs indicators and importance of data among stakeholders and general public



Data and monitoring of SDGs

Data assessments and availability:

The National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) together with the SDGs Division has made substantial progress in assessing data and statistical capacity for the implementation and monitoring of SDGs.

Key assessments undertaken are;

- (1) Assessment of data availability status for each SDGs indicator using the tier category provided by UNDESA,
- (2) Diagnostic assessment of data of across all ministries/government agencies which identifies national indicators, additional data sources and baseline data availability and
- (3) baseline data for all SDGs known as the 'SDG goal updates'. During this consultancy, a prioritization exercise was facilitated for each goal where the goal agencies identified the most critical 3 targets within the goal that would add most value for advocacy and monitoring purposes.

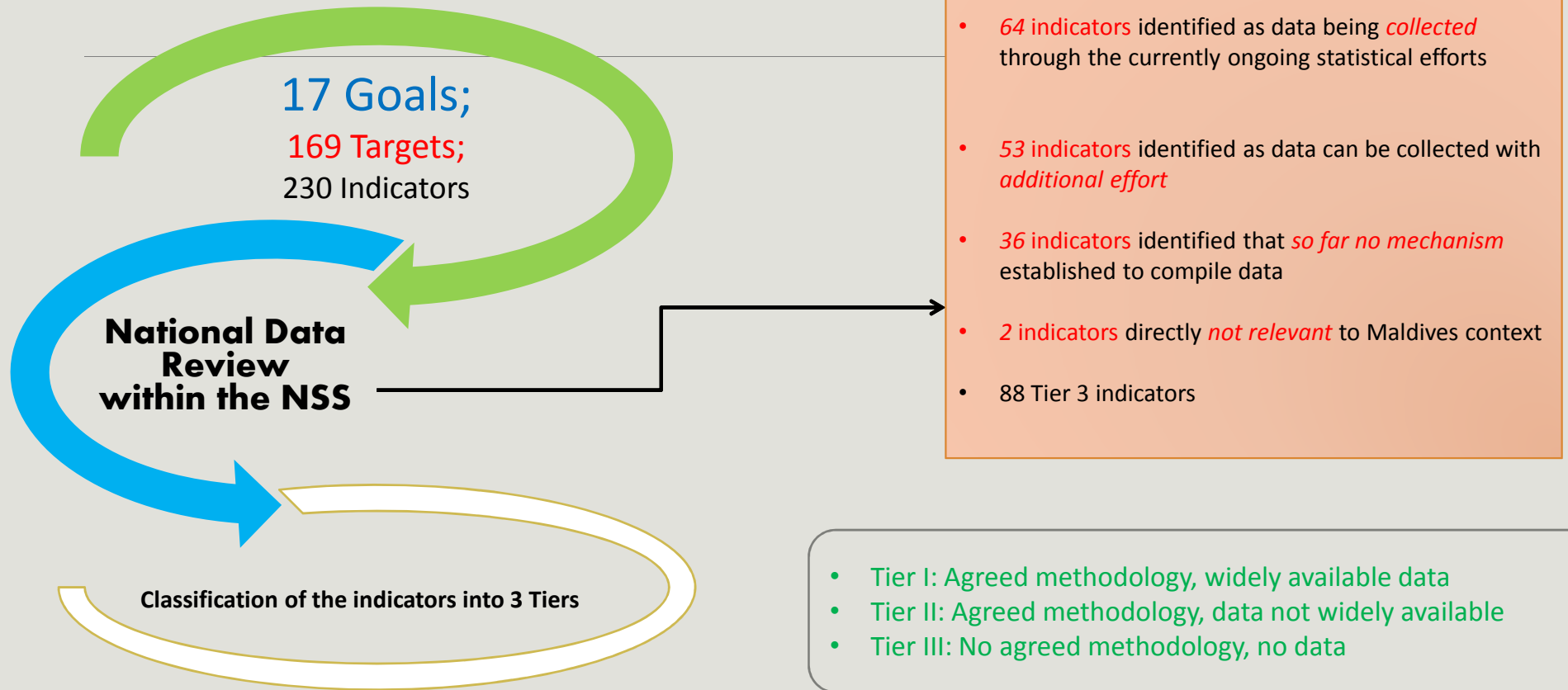
The SDGs Division compiled the first Voluntary National Review (VNR) for the Maldives which was submitted at the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) on SDGs in July 2017. The VNR was an initial step to assess status/progress on SDGs but due to the short time frame in preparing the report, the VNR did not include a comprehensive assessment of the goals and progress.

Data Reporting Systems

- ❖ A report is being compiled on the data updates including the baseline indicators and proxy indicators available through surveys, censuses and administrative systems
- ❖ Data updates are to be uploaded to the NBS website, www.statisticsmaldives.gov.mv
- ❖ The National Data Platform, **MaldivInfo** to be populated with SDG indicators having a separate theme/Goal for the SDGs likewise it was done for the MDGs
- ❖ Create an online/cloud-based information and document archive with support from NCIT through the Maldives egov portal

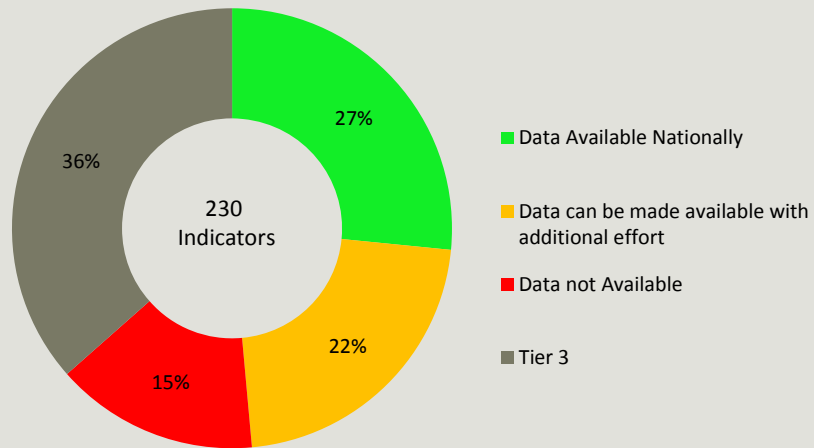


SDG Data Status - Maldives

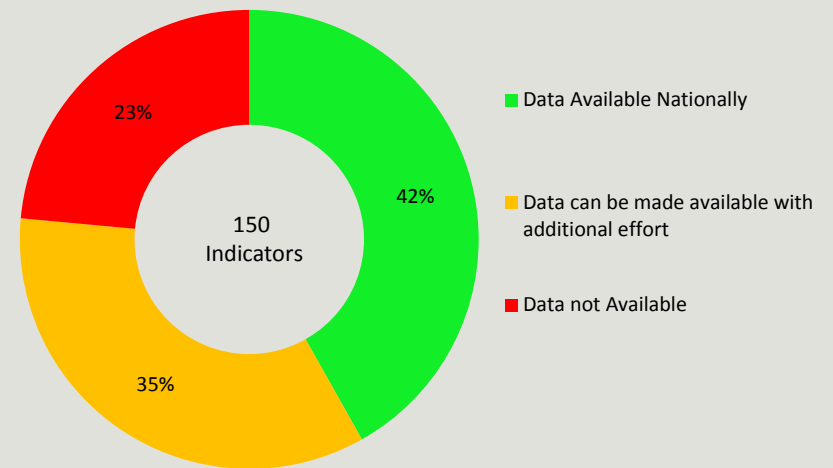


Current Status of SDG Data Availability

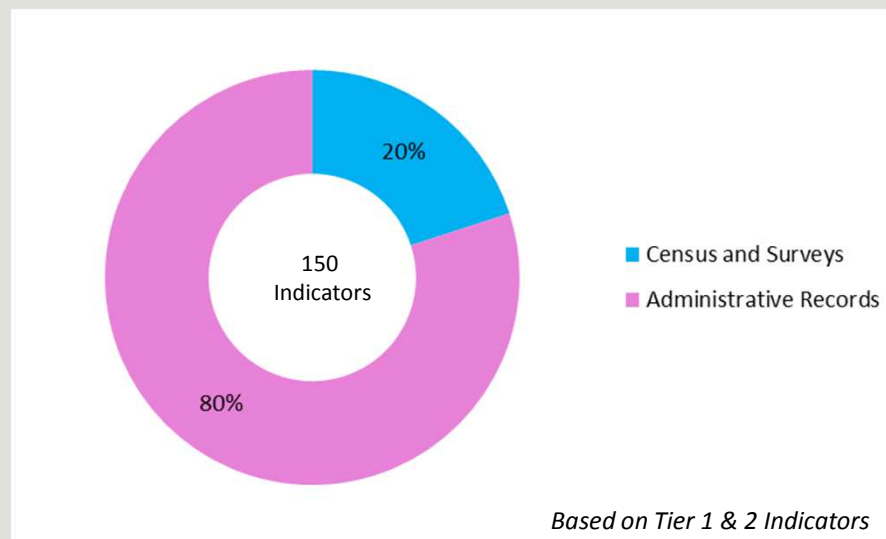
All Indicators



Excluding Tier 3 Indicators



SDG Data Availability by Source



Challenges

Unavailability of Up-to-date Data

- *The frequency of thematic surveys are irregular/not being conducted and budget limitations*
- *Lack of administrative registers that updates on a more frequent basis and limited access to administrative data for statistical use*
- *IT capacities within government agencies weak and limitations in generating enquired statistics from administrative systems for statistical use*

Limited Staff and statistics focus across agencies of the government and at island level

- *Create Statistical Units at all key Agencies*
- *Inadequate number of staff for Statistical work at govt. agencies*
- *High staff turnover (statistics cadre is important)*
- *Low importance given to statistics work*

Unavailability of statistical training at national universities

- *Need to introduce a degree level course in statistics*
- *No staff in statistical training section of NBS*

Need for a strong Statistical Legislation

- *Act/legislation for improving response rate of statistical surveys*
- *Allow sharing of administrative data within the government for statistical purpose*

Planned activities for developing SDG Data

- ❖ To finalise national indicators/ proxy indicators to align SDGs with National policies/ priorities

Identify mechanisms to generate data

- Develop new surveys/ integrate with existing surveys
 - Assess coverage and quality of existing administrative data for statistical purpose
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- ❖ Strengthen the administrative registers/data mechanisms within the government and data sharing for statistics generation (Develop MOU and partnerships within stakeholder agencies)
 - VRS, EMIS, HIMS, Social Protection
 - Expat system, tax data
 - Strengthening the Economic Indicators
 - Data Sharing project for Environment Statistics
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- ❖ Establish a data collection mechanisms at island level (administrative data)
 - Laamu Atoll Island level Data Portal developed and being tested to be replicated to all Atolls

Planned activities ...cont...

- ❖ Strengthening statistical capacity at all agencies across the National Statistical System
 - Train Statistical staff at sectoral agencies in Statistics
 - Focused technical training on SDG indicator methodologies

- ❖ Standardise, Strengthen and Integrate the existing systems across all sectors

- ❖ Harmonise the compilation process by adopting the international classifications across sectoral data mechanisms.

- ❖ Strengthen the National data dissemination portal (MaldivInfo) to ensure that data can be retrieved/exchanged through existing/proposed sectoral and island Databases

Way Forward:

